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Bureau of Land Management Filmore Office 35 East 500 North Fillmore, UT 84631

DIV OF OIL GAS & MINING

RE.: Appeal on Spectrum Quarry Approval to Cambrillic Natural Stone.

Refering to:

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UTU-075884

UTU-078275

UTU-078273

Dear Sirs:

We are <u>appealing</u> your decision to allow Cambrillic Natural Stone or anyone else to mine slate on the Specrum Quarry because of the following reasons.

It was the ruling of the IBLA that all mining should cease and issued a stay on the Spectrum Quarry to the BLM in the case concerning purchase of stone by Levin Stone, and any other potential purchaser, IBLA 2000-249, 2000-251, 2001-168, until they should give their decision as to whether the slate on Spectrum was a locatable material. It is still our contention that the slate is locatable as an uncommon, claimable material and that it is as uncommon as gold or silver.

We feel it is not in the public interest of the people of the United States or the State of Utah to allow mining on this area or that you can give an approval to mine on that claim until the IBLA gives their ruling, as that ruling can and will have far reaching effects on other areas of mining throughout the country. We therefore request that due to this issue, that you very carefully reconsider your decision as to the issuing of any approval on mining in the Spectrum area to anyone as it may be in conflict with the ruling of the IBLA at this time. The final decision of the IBLA should be forthcoming as it has been

three years since they have been working toward a decision and they have indicated it would be at least three year for their decision to be issued. We request that you abide by this stay until their final decision is issued. We feel that our claim in this area is superior and that our rights have been and will be violated on this issue.

We realize there is a large amount of stone in that mountain, but that it is a common material as sand and gravel, it is not. There are few places in the United States that this quality of Slate is available and is being mined. There are also places where there are mountains full of gold and silver and I have stood upon one of these mountains in the area of Congress, Arizona and picked the gold up off the ground with my own hands, but that does not make gold a common material any more than a mountain of slate makes it a common material. Both the University of Utah and BYU departments of Geology have declared that the slate at the Spectrum Quarry is an uncommon and locatable material. The BLM declared it locatable in 1958 to the application of Mr. Clyde Cheney when he sought to purchase stone out of the Spectrum Quarry and then changed their minds. Mr. Eugene W. Pearson, Mining-Valuation Engineer said that Mr. Cheney's application to purchase should be rejected because he believed the stone to be locatable under mining law. All of this and additional information is in the hands of the IBLA. We again request that you reconsider your decision until the ruling is issued by the IBLA.

A State Director Review is Requested. A stay is hereby requested by Unique Minerals Inc to the State Director on the approval granted by the BLM Filmore Office for Cambrillic Natural Stone to purchase stone and mine on the Spectrum Quarry. Please contact me if more information is needed. Thank you.

Sincerely

Gerald L. McCurdy, President

cc. Tom Munson, UDOGM (S/027/074)

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**IBLA** 

Cambrillic Natural Stone